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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2009, in connection with the above referenced patent application, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.